

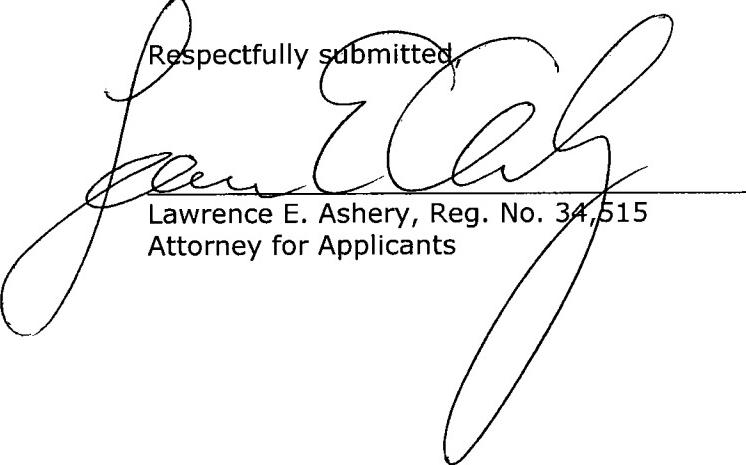
Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1, 6, 8-16, 21-23 and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mathews (U.S. 6,686,649) in view of Asahi (U.S. 2003/0090883). Furthermore, claims 17, 18, 20, 24, 25 and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mathews in view of Asahi. Finally, claim 19 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mathews in view of Asahi in further in view of Ohmi (U.S. 2006/0158865). Claims 2, 3 and 5, however, were indicated as being allowable if rewritten into independent form.

Accordingly, claims 2 and 3 have been rewritten into independent form, and claims 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 have been rewritten to depend from claims 2 and 3. The remaining previously pending claims have been cancelled.

In view of the amendments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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